



Mass Intentions

July 13, 2020– July 19, 2020

HOLY CROSS CHURCH – BAY CITY

Monday	8:00 a.m. Martha Holub
Tuesday	8:00 a.m. Michael & Tammy McMahon *A
Wednesday	8:00 a.m. Mike Ottis Family
Thursday	8:00 a.m. James E. Mitchell
Friday	8:00 a.m. <i>No Mass (Adoration)</i>
Saturday	6:00 p.m. Ray Kacal
Sunday	7:30 a.m. Parish Family
	10:00 a.m. Joseph Costantini
	6:00 p.m. Irene Mooney
	Michael, Ellen & F.J. Cunningham

*B Birthday	*T Thanksgiving	*A Anniversary	Bolded Deceased	* <i>Day/Time</i> Mass Time Change
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Eucharistic Adoration

We will have Eucharistic Adoration in the Church each day following the morning Mass until 12 Noon, and on Fridays 8:00 am – 12 Noon.

Adoration is essentially an embrace with Jesus in which I say to him: "I am yours, and I ask you, please stay with me always." – Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI

Beginning Friday, July 10th we will not have a morning Mass on Fridays.

(If you wish to attend Mass, please consider going to Our Lady of Guadalupe)

Please join us each Friday for Eucharistic Adoration 8:00 am – 12:00 Noon

Scripture Readings

Sunday, July 19: *Wisdom 12:13,16-19, Psalm 86:5-6,9-10, 15-16, Romans 8:26-27, Matthew 13:24-43 or 13:24-30.*

Holy Cross Collections

July 04, 2020 – July 05, 2020 Collections



Weekly Collections	\$5,772.00
Holy Cross School	\$1,496.00

May God Bless You

Thank you for your support & generosity

Dear Parish and School Family,

Thank you for the very warm welcome as I begin my ministry at Holy Cross. I wish to share a little bit about myself. I grew up in Liberty and Dayton where we fished and hunted...more fishing than hunting. Our family moved back home to East Bernard in 2000 and we purchased Vacek's Hardware.

I received my call to be a priest in 2nd grade, but I decided I *was* going to take over the family business after college. God had other plans. After 12 years of public school, I graduated in 2004. I then joined the Knights of the Holy Eucharist, founded by Mother Mary Angelica on my 18th birthday! I remained with them for 6 years. During this time, I received my religious name, Br. Fidelis Maria of the Sacred Host, from Mother Angelica. The Knights sent me to Holy Apostles College Seminary in Connecticut. In 2010, I left seminary and discerned out of the community. Although I left my religious name behind, much of my life and priesthood has its roots in Mother's spirituality. I treasured having the opportunity to say good bye and receive her Abbess' Blessing before I departed.

I came home and joined the Diocese of Victoria on May 15, 2010, the feast of St. Isidore the Farmer. As a diocesan seminarian, I was at St. Joseph College Seminary in Louisiana for two years and then at St. Mary's Seminary in Houston, Texas for five years. My Pastoral year was at St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Palacios. My Deaconate year, I assisted at Hallettsville where Sacred Heart Church and School and its missions, are located. I was ordained a priest on May 20, 2017 and was assigned to St. Mary's in Victoria as Parochial Vicar (assistant priest) and Chaplain at St. Joseph Catholic High School. When Fr. Dominic was assigned to Sweet Home and Koerth, I remained as Temporary Administrator at St. Mary's and was also chaplain. Finally, I was assigned as the Parochial Vicar at The Cathedral of Our Lady of Victory before my arrival at Holy Cross Catholic Church.

Some have asked what my hobbies are. I enjoy spending time with my family in East Bernard and the El Campo area, reading, listening to talk radio, hunting...oh, and eating. I look forward to learning how to fish again (I put up my reels in 2005). The Sacraments, Eucharistic Adoration, and Music are an important part of my life and expression of faith.

Thank you again for your support! I am glad to be home. May God bless you and know you remain in my prayers!

Rev. Stephen Vacek

Installation Mass for Father Stephen Vacek



Bishop Cahill will be here to celebrate the installation of Father Stephen as our new pastor at the 10:00 am Mass, on Sunday, July 19, 2020

*Immediately afterwards join us for a
Drive-By Welcome!*

We will follow the same route as with the Farewell Drive-By for Father Greg.

It's not just pastors and church leaders who have a responsibility to their church, the church also has a responsibility to their pastor and leaders.

1 THESSALONIANS

Chapter 5

12 We ask you, brothers, to respect those who are laboring among you and who are over you in the Lord and who admonish you,

13 and to show esteem for them with special love on account of their work. Be at peace among yourselves.

Please keep Father Stephen in your prayers.



Please join the Divine Mercy Choir on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 pm to pray the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy.

"Jesus I Trust in You"



Come **experience** His Divine Mercy



Deacon Walley's Bible Study Group has resumed their Monday, 7:00 pm group study. Please join them in the Parish Hall for an evening of thought provoking conversation sure to keep you engaged and captivated.



Wednesday Scripture Study Group is meeting once again in the Parish Hall after the 8:00 am Mass on the 1st Wednesday of each month.



Dear God
I bow my head
and ask,
if it be thy will,
please save this land
from those who seek
to destroy it.

~ Amen ~